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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL  
AFFAIRS: AANDREWS

E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: ECRE, USIRJC  
SUBJ: HOUSING WORKING GROUP: MORTGAGE SEMINAR

REF: TEHRAN 0762

1. MR. HEDAYATI OF MORTGAGE BANK (BANK RAHNI) MADE  
COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT TO EMBOFF ON FEBRUARY 10 CON-  
CERNING TENTATIVE MORTGAGE SEMINAR DISCUSSED IN AUGUST  
MEETING OF HOUSING WORKING GROUP.

2. HE CLAIMED MORTGAGE BANK HAD NO PLANS TO STAGE  
SEMINAR; THAT BANK HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM MINHOUSING  
ON THIS SUBJECT; AND THAT ALL FUTURE INQUIRIES SHOULD  
BE MADE TO MINISTRY.

3. EMBASSY AGAIN REFERRED MATTER BACK TO MINHOUSING  
OFFICIAL WHO EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT BANK STATEMENT AND  
SAID HE WOULD "LOOK INTO IT." YET ANOTHER LETTER  
ADDRESSED TO MR. SIMONIAN REQUESTING STATUS OF  
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SEMINAR WAS DESPATCHED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CON-  
VERSATION.

4. DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS KIAIE  
AT MINHOUSING TELEPHONED FEBRUARY 13 TO SAY THAT  
MESSRS. SIMONIAN, HEDAYATI AND HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER  
AND WILL BE PROVIDING DEFINITIVE COMMENTS AND RESPONSE

WITHIN TWO WEEKS. FEBRUARY DATE HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND NOW-RUZ (IRANIAN NEW YEAR) PERIOD PRECLUDES MARCH AND APRIL ACTION.

5. COMMENT: KIAIE VERY APOLOGETIC FOR DELAY AND SAID COORDINATION HAD FALTERED MAINLY BECAUSE OF HIS LONG ABSENCE FROM OFFICE (REFTEL). DELAY UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS VERY LIMITED STAFFING CAPABILITIES DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY, COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT PREPARATIONS FOR BUDGET FOR IRANIAN YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 21 AND INPUT FOR SIXTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN ARE OCCUPYING TIME OF RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY OFFICIALS.

6. ALTHOUGH KIAIE'S COMMENTS WERE UPBEAT, OPTIMISM FOR RAPID FORWARD MOVEMENT SHOULD BE TEMPERED ON OUR SIDE BY ACCEPTANCE OF STRONG LIKELIHOOD THAT MOVEMENT ON JOINT COMMISSION RELATED ACTIVITIES MAY BE DEFERRED  
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UNTIL GOI HAS OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS LEVEL OF INTEREST OF NEW US ADMINISTRATION IN IRAN AND IN JOINT COMMISSION FORMAT. FISCAL STRINGENCIES IMPOSED ON TRAVEL AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN LATTER PART OF CURRENT IRANIAN YEAR ARE ALSO LIKELY TO CONTINUE INTO NEW BUDGET YEAR. END COMMENT.

7. UNLESS POST IS INFORMED OTHERWISE, ASSUME THAT HOUSING WORKING GROUP STILL INTENDS TO ASSIST IN STAGING OF SEMINAR SHOULD MINHOUSING RESPOND IN NEXT FEW WEEKS WITH NEW TIME FRAME.

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